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Mr. Sidney O. Sampson/  


Dear Mr. Sampson:

The Director of Central Intelligence has asked me to reply to your letter of June 6 concerning your Audio-Visual Robot Education System.

CIA has been following for some time and with growing interest the advances and developments that are taking place with respect to mechanical and automated teaching methods. A number of companies, as I am sure you are aware, are engaged in this effort and several of them are already marketing mechanical teaching devices and automated systems a few of which, at least in concept, are not unlike your own system. In each case, however, CIA's active interest must necessarily await the full development and commercial availability of the device or system.

Authority under Title VII of the National Defense Education Act of 1958 to assist individuals or organizations to conduct "research or experimentation in more effective use of television, radio, motion pictures and related media for educational purposes" is vested in the U. S. Commissioner of Education. You may therefore want to communicate with him, if you have not already done so, regarding your request for assistance under the National Defense Education Act.

Thank you for letting us know of your Audio-Visual System and for your suggestions concerning its possible use.

Sincerely yours,

W. J. R. D

Matthew Baird  
Director of Training

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